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In re Application of:)
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For: WAVELENGTH DIVISION)
MULTIPLEXING RING)
NETWORK SYSTEM,)
OPTICAL PATH SETTING)
METHOD, RECOVERY)
METHOD, AND PROGRAM)



**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making an appropriate notation on this form.

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1. Japanese Patent Application KOKAI Publication No. 11-163911 is discussed at page 4 of the specification and discloses a WDM ring network in which the unit of switching is wavelength and the standby resources are shared.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitutes "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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	T. Shiragaki, et al., "Network Resource Advantages of Bidirectional Wavelength-Path Switched Ring," IEEE Photonics Technology Letters, Vol. II, No. 10, October 1999.

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